IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:19-CR-103-KDB-DCK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) ORDER
WILLIAM AUSTIN BLANKENSHIP,)
Defendant.)))

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the "Ex Parte Motion To Seal Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum" (Document No. 104) filed September 1, 2020. In accordance with the Local Rules, the Court has considered the Motion to Seal, the public's interest in access to the affected materials, and alternatives to sealing. The Court determines that no less restrictive means other than sealing is sufficient inasmuch as Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum contains sensitive and private information that is inappropriate for public access. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, and for good cause, the undersigned will grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the "Ex Parte Motion To Seal Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum" (Document No. 591) is **GRANTED**, and Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum (Document No. 105) is sealed until further Order of this Court.

Signed: September 2, 2020

David C. Keesler United States Magistrate Judge